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ABSTRACT

This book aims to assist Latinos who are thinking about going to college. The book is divided into four parts and is organized by steps. Part 1 discusses preparing for college. Steps identify 10 new ways of thinking to get ready psychologically for the SAT or ACT exams and college itself; provide forms, tips, and a sample letter to assist in selecting a college; and discuss types of financial assistance and how to apply for it. Part 2 addresses college life. Steps explain college catalogs, policies, and orientation programs, and give academic strategies for being a better student; provide a guide to being an active learner, building support groups, handling stress, setting goals, taking notes, writing papers, and taking tests; give tips about services on and off campus, particularly via the Internet, and choosing mentors; describe student rights; and discuss extracurricular activities. Part 3 provides vignettes from 10 notable Latinos and Latinas who describe how they made it through college. Part 4 is a directory of the top 50 universities and top 20 community colleges in the United States and top 5 Puerto Rican institutions in terms of Latino graduates. Also provided are lists of the top 10 universities and top 10 community colleges with the highest percentages of Latino enrollment. (Contains an index.) (TD)

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